

Exhibit 6

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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

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11 **ALMONT AMBULATORY**
12 **SURGERY CENTER, LLC, et al.,**

13 Plaintiffs,

14 vs.

15 **UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, INC., et**
16 **al.,**

17 Defendants.

18 **UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES,**
19 **INC., et al.,**

20 Counterclaimants,

21 vs.

22 **ALMONT SURGERY CENTER, LLC,**
23 **et al.,**

24 Counter-Defendants.
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Case No. 2:14-cv-03053-MWF (VBKx)

**PLAINTIFFS AND COUNTER-
DEFENDANT PROVIDERS'
RESPONSES TO UNITED
DEFENDANTS' /
COUNTERCLAIMANTS' FIRST
REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS**

The Hon. Michael W. Fitzgerald

Trial Date: None Set

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RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

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2 Plaintiffs and/or Counter-Defendants ALMONT AMBULATORY
3 SURGERY CENTER, LLC, BAKERSFIELD SURGERY INSTITUTE, LLC,
4 INDEPENDENT MEDICAL, MEDICAL SERVICES, INC., MODERN
5 INSTITUTE OF PLASTIC SURGERY & ANTIAGING, INC., NEW LIFE
6 SURGERY CENTER, LLC dba BEVERLY HILLS SURGERY CENTER, LLC,
7 ORANGE GROVE SURGERY CENTER, LLC, SAN DIEGO AMBULATORY
8 SURGERY CENTER, LLC, SKIN CANCER & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY
9 SPECIALISTS OF BEVERLY HILLS, INC., VALENCIA AMBULATORY
10 SURGERY CENTER, LLC, WEST HILLS SURGERY CENTER, LLC, ALMONT
11 AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER, A MEDICAL CORPORATION,
12 BAKERSFIELD SURGERY INSTITUTE, INC., CIRO SURGERY CENTER,
13 LLC, EAST BAY AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER, LLC, SKIN CANCER
14 & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY SPECIALISTS OF WEST HILLS, INC.,
15 VALLEY SURGICAL CENTER, LLC, TOP SURGEONS, INC., TOP
16 SURGEONS, LLC, TOP SURGEONS, LLC (NEVADA), WOODLAKE
17 AMBULATORY, PALMDALE AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER, A
18 MEDICAL CORPORATION, 1 800 GET THIN, LLC and SURGERY CENTER
19 MANAGEMENT (the "Providers"), through their attorneys, respond to Defendants
20 and Counter-Plaintiffs' First Request for Documents (the "Requests") as follows:

21 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

22 The following responses and objections to Defendants' First Request for
23 Documents are made on the basis of information that is presently known and
24 available to the Providers and their attorneys. The Providers' discovery,
25 investigation and preparation for trial are not yet complete and are continuing as of
26 the date of this response. The Providers expressly reserve the right to continue their
27 discovery and investigation herein for legal arguments, facts, witnesses and
28 supplemental data that may reveal information which, if presently within their

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1 knowledge, would have been included in these responses and objections. The
2 Providers specifically reserve their right to present additional information and legal
3 arguments at trial as may be disclosed through continuing discovery and
4 investigation.

5 By making these responses, the Providers do not concede that the information
6 sought by the Requests is relevant or reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery
7 of admissible evidence. The Providers' responses herein are made without in any
8 way intending to waive, but on the contrary, expressly reserving all appropriate
9 objections regarding the information produced, including, but not limited to,
10 objections concerning authenticity, competency, relevancy, materiality, proprietary,
11 admissibility, foundation, privilege, and privacy, which may be raised at any
12 subsequent hearing, proceeding or trial of this or any other action. The Providers
13 reserve the right to rely upon any information disclosed during discovery for any
14 purpose, including as evidence at any subsequent hearing, proceeding, or at trial in
15 this or any other matter.

16 GENERAL OBJECTIONS

17 1. The General Objections set forth below are hereby incorporated into
18 each of the Responses as if fully set forth therein. For particular emphasis, the
19 Providers have, from time-to-time, expressly included one or more of the General
20 Objections in the responses below. The Providers' Response to each individual
21 Request is submitted without prejudice to, and without in any respect waiving, any
22 General Objections not expressly set forth in that Response.

23 2. The Providers' responses to the Requests, and any production of
24 documents with respect to same, are meant to be in compliance with, and subject to,
25 the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, rules of the Court, the
26 Court's orders in this case and other applicable law. The Providers object to the
27 extent that any Request contained therein demands that the Providers respond in a
28 manner beyond that which is required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and

1 the Local Rules of the Central District of California.

2 3. The Providers object to any "Definitions," "Instructions," or other
3 purported requirements in the Requests that purport to impose any greater or
4 different obligations than those imposed by law, including, but not limited to the
5 following:

6 a. The Providers object to the Requests' definitions of "document,"
7 "communications," and "communicate," to the extent that those terms exceed the
8 scope of discoverable documents as defined and permitted under the Federal Rules
9 of Civil Procedure.

10 b. The Providers object to the Requests' definition of "United
11 Member" as unduly burdensome and overbroad. The definition includes any
12 individual who "sought" but did not "obtain" health care services from the
13 Providers, which cannot possibly be of any relevance to the claims and defenses of
14 any party in this lawsuit. Further, that definition goes back to January 1, 2005,
15 which is far beyond the statute of limitation for any underpayment or overpayment
16 claim at issue in this lawsuit. Yet further, the definition of "United Member" is not
17 limited to members of benefit plans or insurance policies that are at issue in this
18 lawsuit.

19 c. The Providers object to the Requests' definitions of "Billing
20 Records," "Bills," or "billing" as unduly burdensome and overbroad. That
21 definition extends beyond bills submitted to United or to any patient to encompass
22 wholly irrelevant categories of documents, including, but not limited to, "financial
23 books and records," "ledgers," "accountings," "receipts," "checks," "wire transfers,"
24 "claim files," "debt collection notices," "debt collection letters," and "records
25 reflecting debt collection activities."

26 d. The Providers object to the Requests' definition of "The Omidis"
27 as unduly burdensome and overbroad, and designed to improperly invade both the
28 attorney-client privilege and the personal privacy of individuals who have been

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1 given no notice of these document requests, because Defendants have defined "The
2 Omidis" not only to include the Individual Counterclaim Defendants, but also "any
3 of their attorneys, agents, assigns, or any persons or entities acting on their behalf."

4 4. The Providers object to the extent that the Document Production
5 Protocol attached to the Requests differs from, or requires more than, the ESI
6 Protocol entered into by the parties and approved by Court order in this action
7 (Docket # 84).

8 5. The Providers object to the Requests on the grounds that a suitable
9 Stipulated Protective Order has not yet been agreed to by the parties or approved by
10 Court order in this action, and that aspects of such a Stipulated Protective Order are
11 presently subject to a pending Motion for Protective Order brought by United.

12 6. The Providers object to the Requests, and to each and every one of
13 them, to the extent that any Request contained therein seeks highly sensitive,
14 confidential, and proprietary information and trade secrets, the disclosure of which
15 would harm the Providers competitively.

16 7. The Providers object to the Requests, and to each and every Request
17 therein, to the extent that they call for the production of information or documents
18 protected by applicable statutory or common law privileges and/or protections,
19 including but not limited to the physician-patient privilege, the attorney-client
20 privilege, the attorney work product doctrine, the common interest doctrine, rights
21 of privacy, and the protection of settlement and mediation materials. The Providers
22 will provide information that is not subject to any applicable statutory or common
23 law privileges or protections. Moreover, the inadvertent disclosure of information
24 protected by such privileges and protections shall not constitute a waiver of the
25 applicable privilege or protection either as to information inadvertently disclosed or
26 as to any other information or documents.

27 8. The Providers object to the Requests, and to each and every Request
28 therein, to the extent that they seek information containing confidential information

1 regarding third parties or information protected under rights of privacy guaranteed
2 by any applicable state or federal law.

3 9. Where a substantive response is given, that response is based upon the
4 Providers' current knowledge, understanding and belief as to the facts or documents,
5 after conducting a reasonably diligent search. Because discovery and investigation
6 is ongoing, the following responses are given without prejudice to the Providers'
7 right to produce evidence of any subsequently discovered facts or documents at trial.
8 Without in any way obligating itself to do so, the Providers reserve the right to
9 modify or supplement their responses with such pertinent information as they may
10 subsequently discover.

11 10. No incidental or implied admissions are intended by the responses
12 herein. Any statement agreeing to produce documents is not intended to be, and is
13 not, an admission that any such documents exist. In addition, these responses are
14 neither intended as, nor shall in any way be deemed, an admission or representation
15 that further information relevant to the subject matter of the Requests does not exist.

16 11. The Providers object to the Requests, and to each and every Request
17 therein, to the extent that they seek information that is neither relevant to this action
18 nor calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. The Providers object
19 to all Requests that call for such information as overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
20 oppressive.

21 12. The Providers object to the Requests, and to each Request contained
22 therein, to the extent that they are so vague, ambiguous, or confusing as not to be
23 susceptible to a reasoned interpretation or response and would require the Providers
24 to speculate as to what information might be responsive. In the absence of clear
25 instructions or definitions associated with terms that are too vague, ambiguous or
26 confusing, the Providers will give the terms of Defendants' Requests a reasonable
27 interpretation within the context of this lawsuit.

28 13. The Providers generally object to each Request to the extent that it

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1 seeks information that is not within their immediate possession, custody or control,
2 that is not readily ascertainable by the Providers and/or is equally available to
3 Defendants.

4 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:**

5 Produce an excel [sic] or similar spreadsheet listing (1) all claims submitted
6 by you to United for payment with respect to all patients referred to in (a) the
7 Complaint, (b) the Amended Complaint filed in Case No. 2:14-cv-02139, (c)
8 Plaintiffs' Master UHC Spreadsheet for Production (produced to United on July 3,
9 2013), or (d) Appendix I to United's First Amended Counterclaim, and (2) all
10 amounts you have received, from any source, including patients, as partial or full
11 payment with respect to such patient claims. Such spreadsheet shall include, at a
12 minimum, the following fields for each amount you seek for services provided: (a)
13 patient's last name, (b) patient's first name, (c) the date of service, (d) the CPT or
14 other procedure code, (e) the billed charge, (f) the amount paid, (g) the provider's
15 name, (h) the provider's tax identification number, (i) if known, the name of the
16 group plan under which the patient is or may be covered, (j) if known, whether the
17 group plan is self-funded or fully insured, and (k) date payment received by or on
18 behalf of Plaintiffs and source of payment, i.e., United, other insurer, or patient.

19 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:**

20 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object to this
21 Request on the basis that it is overbroad and unduly burdensome. Specifically, this
22 Request seeks information relevant to patient claims outside the scope of this
23 lawsuit, Case No. 3:14-cv-3053, and extends to patient claims implicated in another
24 lawsuit, Case No. 3:14-cv-2139. The Providers further object to this Request as
25 unreasonably compound, as it seeks patient claims information from several distinct
26 sources in a single Request, including both benefits claims and recoupment claims.
27 The Providers further object to this Request on the basis that it prematurely seeks
28 information relating to the alleged recoupment claims set forth in Appendix I to

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1 United's First Amended Counterclaim (FACC). The FACC is subject to pending
2 motions to dismiss. If those motions are granted, even in part—for instance, as to
3 United's self-funded claims—then some or all of the subject matter of this Request
4 will be rendered irrelevant, and would not be reasonably calculated to lead to the
5 discovery of relevant evidence. The Providers further object to the extent that this
6 Request purports to require the Providers to create new documents to satisfy this
7 Request. This Request is essentially an interrogatory that seeks the compilation of
8 responsive information. Rule 34, however, requires only the production of
9 documents already in existence, such that the Providers have no duty to create
10 documents that do not exist. *See, e.g., Alexander v. Federal Bureau of Investigation*
11 194 F.R.D. 305, 310 (D.D.C. 2000).

12 Subject to and without waiver of these objections, the Providers are willing to
13 meet and confer with United to discuss the mutual exchange of patient claims
14 information underlying the Providers' claims in both this case and Case No. 3:14-
15 cv-2139, including the data fields specified by this Request.

16 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:**

17 For each of the claims listed on Exhibit A, produce all documents and
18 communications relating to such claims, including but not limited to:

- 19 (a) Billing Records;
20 (b) Medical Records;
21 (c) Claim records, including copies of the claim forms Plaintiffs submitted
22 to United (HCFA 1500, CMS 1500, UB-92, UB-04 etc);
23 (d) Scheduling records;
24 (e) Patient sign-in logs;
25 (f) Benefits or coverage information;
26 (g) Requests for authorization or approval for services;
27 (h) Patient assignments, patient authorizations or other patient records;
28 (i) Correspondence with Exhibit A patients, United or other

1 insurers/payers, including all correspondence relating to appeals of denied claims;

2 (j) E-mail;

3 (k) Call recordings, call transcripts, and call notes, including notes of calls
4 in the database or computer system, as alleged in Paragraph 124 of the Complaint;
5 and

6 (l) Documents reflecting any settlement or compromise of any dispute
7 relating to such claims.

8 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:**

9 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object to this
10 Request on the basis that it is vague and ambiguous, and fails to define terms such
11 as “scheduling records” or “sign-in logs.” This Request is also vague and
12 ambiguous because it refers to “claims listed on Exhibit A”—yet Exhibit A to these
13 Requests lists no claims, merely patient names and supposed “dates of service.”
14 The Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it prematurely seeks
15 information relating to the alleged recoupment claims set forth in Appendix I to
16 United’s First Amended Counterclaim (FACC). For instance, all fifteen of the
17 names of the example patients described in FACC appear on Exhibit A. The FACC,
18 however, is subject to pending motions to dismiss brought by the Provider Counter-
19 Defendants and the individual Counter-Defendants. If those motions are granted,
20 even in part—for instance, as to United’s self-funded claims—then some or all of
21 the subject matter of this Request will be rendered irrelevant, and would not be
22 reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant evidence.

23 The Providers further object on the basis that this Request is compound. The
24 Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks information
25 protected by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product protection, or the
26 settlement communications privilege.

27 Subject to and without waiver of these objections, the Providers are willing to
28 meet and confer with United to discuss the mutual exchange of documents relating

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1 to the patient claim underpayments at issue in this lawsuit.

2 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:**

3 Produce Billing Records sufficient to show all amounts paid by any United
4 Member to any Plaintiff or Counterclaim Defendant, to the extent this information is
5 not produced in response to Request for Production No. 1.

6 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:**

7 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, including the General
8 Objections to the definition of "United Member," the Providers object to this
9 Request on the basis that it is overbroad and unduly burdensome. Specifically, it
10 seeks information regarding patient claims outside the scope of this lawsuit, and by
11 definition, is even broader than Request No. 1, above. In fact, this Request appears
12 to seek information about amounts paid to the Providers regardless of whether any
13 reimbursement claim for that individual is at issue in this lawsuit. The Providers
14 further object to this Request on the basis that it prematurely seeks information
15 relating to the alleged recoupment claims set forth in Appendix I to United's First
16 Amended Counterclaim (FACC), which is subject to pending motions to dismiss.
17 The Providers further object to this Request on the basis that it is not reasonably
18 calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence relating to any patient
19 claim at issue in this lawsuit. The Providers further object on the basis that, as with
20 Request No. 1, United improperly seeks through this Request to essentially
21 propound an interrogatory that requires the compilation of responsive information,
22 which is impermissible under the Federal Rules.

23 Subject to and without waiver of these objections, the Providers are willing to
24 meet and confer with United to discuss the mutual exchange of documents relating
25 to the patient claim underpayments at issue in this lawsuit.

26 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:**

27 Produce all documents reflecting or discussing the organizational structure of
28 any Plaintiff or Corporate Counterclaim Defendant, including those that identify (i)

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1 the organization, hierarchy, management, or control of employees or independent
2 contractors, (ii) the organization or hierarchy of executive and/or management
3 personnel, (iii) the relationship between and among Plaintiffs/Counterclaim
4 Defendants, and (iv) the ownership, membership, or control of Plaintiffs /
5 Counterclaim Defendants.

6 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:**

7 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object on the
8 basis that it is compound, and seeks at least four distinct categories of information
9 within a single Request. The Providers further object to this Request on the grounds
10 that it is unintelligible, because it is drafted both in the disjunctive and, as set forth
11 in the Instructions to the Requests, the conjunctive. The Providers further object to
12 this Request on the basis that it seeks information relevant only to the FACC's "alter
13 ego" allegations, which are presently the subject of pending motions to dismiss, and
14 is therefore premature. If United's alter ego allegations are dismissed, then this
15 Request will be rendered irrelevant. The Providers further object to this Request on
16 the basis that it is not reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence relating
17 to any patient claim at issue in this lawsuit.

18 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:**

19 Produce all agreements or contracts (employment, independent contractor, or
20 otherwise), payroll records, or other records reflecting or addressing the terms of
21 employment, responsibilities, duties, employment status, and relationship, between
22 Counterclaim Defendants and any of the following individuals:

- 23 a. Maureen Jaroscak
- 24 b. Robert Silverman
- 25 c. Elliot Alpert
- 26 d. Cindy Omid
- 27 e. Thomas Cloud
- 28 f. Charles Klasky

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- 1 g. Robert Macatangay
- 2 h. Araminta Salazar
- 3 i. Ryan Stanton
- 4 j. Shawn Pezeshk
- 5 k. Alexander Weisse
- 6 l. Maria Abaca
- 7 m. Yesenia F.
- 8 n. Levi Green
- 9 o. Kimberly Fortier
- 10 p. Dr. Atul Madan
- 11 q. Dr. Michael Sedrak
- 12 r. Dr. Lee Au
- 13 s. Dr. Julius Gee

14 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:**

15 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object to this
16 Request on the basis that it is overbroad and unduly burdensome, as it seeks
17 sensitive employment information and/or agreements for a large number of non-
18 party individuals on a topic that is entirely irrelevant to this lawsuit. The Providers
19 further object that this Request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery
20 of admissible evidence relating to any underpayment or overpayment claim at issue
21 in this lawsuit. The Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it
22 seeks to bolster the FACC's deficient allegations relating to supposed patient
23 referrals, for instance, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section
24 650, or the deficient allegations relating to supposed violations of the corporate
25 practice of medicine doctrine, which the FACC fails to attribute to any specific
26 entity or individual. The FACC is presently the subject of pending motions to
27 dismiss, and thus this Request is premature. Among other grounds in the pending
28 motions to dismiss, Counter-Defendants argue that United has failed to state a claim

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1 under California's Unfair Competition Law; that United's UCL claim is preempted
2 by ERISA; and that United has failed to plead a plausible violation of B&P Code
3 Section 650 or of the corporate practice of medicine doctrine sufficient to serve as a
4 predicate act under the UCL's "unlawful" prong. The Providers further object to
5 this Request on the basis that it is vague and ambiguous. For instance, it fails to
6 adequately identify some of the individuals listed, such as "Yessenia F." The
7 Providers further object to this Request on the basis that it is compound, because it
8 in effect seeks information about the relationship between each of the nineteen
9 individuals listed above and each and every one of the Providers.

10 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:**

11 Produce all documents reflecting or referring to the creation of the Corporate
12 Counterclaim Defendants, including filings with state entities related to the creation
13 of Corporate Counterclaim Defendants and documents showing the members or
14 agents of those entities.

15 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:**

16 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object to this
17 Request on the basis that documents reflecting the creation of any corporate entity
18 are a matter of public record, and are equally as available to Defendants as they are
19 to the Providers. The Providers further object to this Request on the basis that it
20 seeks information relevant only to the FACC's "alter ego" allegations, which are
21 presently the subject of pending motions to dismiss, and is therefore premature. If
22 United's alter ego allegations are dismissed, then this Request will be rendered
23 irrelevant. The Providers further object that this Request is directed entirely towards
24 nonparties and is therefore not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of
25 admissible evidence.

26 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7:**

27 Produce all communications between the Omidis and any of the following
28 Individuals related to the creation, incorporation, organization, or governance of any

1 Corporate Counterclaim Defendant:

- 2 a. Maureen Jaroscak
- 3 b. Robert Silverman
- 4 c. Elliot Alpert
- 5 d. Cindy Omid
- 6 e. Thomas Cloud
- 7 f. Charles Klasky
- 8 g. Robert Macatangay
- 9 h. Araminta Salazar
- 10 i. Ryan Stanton
- 11 j. Shawn Pezeshk
- 12 k. Alexander Weisse
- 13 l. Maria Abaca
- 14 m. Yesenia F.
- 15 n. Levi Green
- 16 o. Kimberly Fortier
- 17 p. Dr. Atul Madan
- 18 q. Dr. Michael Sedrak
- 19 r. Dr. Lee Au
- 20 s. Dr. Julius Gee

21 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7:**

22 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object to this
23 Request on the basis that it is overbroad and unduly burdensome, as it seeks “all
24 communications” involving a large number of nonparty individuals on a topic that is
25 entirely irrelevant to this lawsuit. As noted in the General Objections, this Request
26 is also overbroad and unduly burdensome because of the gross overreach of the
27 Requests’ definition of “the Omidis,” which purports to include any of the
28 individual Counter-Defendants’ “attorneys, agents, assigns or any persons or entities

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1 acting on their behalf.” The Providers further object to this Request on the basis that
2 it is compound, because it in effect seeks communications relating to nineteen
3 separate nonparty individuals. The Providers further object to this Request on the
4 basis that it is vague and ambiguous (as well as compound) because it cannot
5 reasonably be ascertained if Defendants seek communications between the three
6 individuals it has identified as the “Omidis” and the other identified persons and
7 entities, or if communications between one of the Omidis individuals and such other
8 person or entity is being sought. This Request is also vague and ambiguous because
9 it fails to adequately identify some of the individuals listed, such as “Yesenia F.”
10 The Providers further object to this Request on the basis that many documents
11 reflecting the creation of any corporate entity are a matter of public record, and are
12 equally as available to Defendants as they are to the Providers. The Providers
13 further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks information protected by
14 attorney-client privilege or attorney work product. The Providers further object to
15 this Request on the basis that it seeks information relevant only to the FACC’s “alter
16 ego” allegations, which are presently the subject of pending motions to dismiss, and
17 is therefore premature. If United’s alter ego allegations are dismissed, then this
18 Request will be rendered irrelevant.

19 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8:**

20 Produce all agreements or contracts (employment, independent contractor, or
21 otherwise) and payroll records between any Plaintiff or Counterclaim Defendant and
22 any physician, nutritionist, psychologist, psychiatrist, nurse, or other medical or
23 health care professional who provided health care services to any Exhibit A Patient.

24 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8:**

25 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object
26 to this Request on the basis that it does not seek information reasonably calculated
27 to lead to discoverable evidence of any kind. The Providers further object to this
28 Request to the extent that it seeks to bolster the FACC’s deficient allegations

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1 relating to supposed patient referrals, for instance, pursuant to California Business
2 and Professions Code Section 650, or the deficient allegations relating to supposed
3 violations of the corporate practice of medicine doctrine, which the FACC fails to
4 attribute to any specific entity or individual. The FACC is presently the subject of
5 pending motions to dismiss, and thus this Request is premature. Among other
6 grounds in the pending motions to dismiss, Counter-Defendants argue that United
7 has failed to state a claim under California's Unfair Competition Law; that United's
8 UCL claim is preempted by ERISA; and that United has failed to plead a plausible
9 violation of B&P Code Section 650 or of the corporate practice of medicine doctrine
10 sufficient to serve as a predicate act under the UCL's "unlawful" prong. The
11 Providers further object to this Request on the basis that it is overbroad and unduly
12 burdensome, as it seeks sensitive employment information for a large number of
13 non-party individuals on a topic that is entirely irrelevant to this lawsuit.

14 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9:**

15 Produce all documents reflecting, discussing, or addressing scripts, workflow,
16 questionnaires, policies, procedures, practices, or training materials for employees,
17 agents, or independent contractors associated with Plaintiffs or Counterclaim
18 Defendants, including but not limited to call center personnel, administrators, billing
19 personnel, staff, or health care professionals, including surgeons, physicians,
20 doctors, nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, therapists, nutritionists, social workers,
21 and laboratory specialists.

22 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9:**

23 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object
24 to this Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
25 seeks highly sensitive business information. This Request seeks a large number of
26 separate categories of information, including "scripts, workflow, questionnaires,
27 policies, procedures, practices, or training materials," for a large and undefined
28 number of individuals in a wide variety of job functions, including medical,

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1 administrative, customer service, among others. For the same reasons, the Providers
2 further object to this Request on the basis that it is compound. The Providers further
3 object to this Request to the extent that it seeks to bolster the deficient allegations of
4 United's FACC, which is presently subject to pending motions to dismiss. If the
5 FACC is dismissed, even in part, then some or all of the subject matter of this
6 Request will be rendered irrelevant, and would not be reasonably calculated to lead
7 to the discovery of relevant evidence. The Providers further object to this Request
8 on the basis that it is overbroad and unduly burdensome, as it seeks sensitive and/or
9 trade secret information for a large number of non-party individuals on a topic that
10 is entirely irrelevant to this lawsuit.

11 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10:**

12 Produce all documents reflecting, discussing, or addressing Plaintiffs or
13 Counterclaim Defendants' marketing or advertising strategy, budget, expenditures,
14 and/or success or conversion rates.

15 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10:**

16 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object
17 to this Request on the basis that it is vague and ambiguous. The Request fails to
18 define the specific "marketing or advertising strategy" or what aspects of such
19 aspect it seeks. It also fails to specify what the phrases "budget," "expenditures," or
20 "success or conversion rates" mean. The Providers further object to this Request on
21 the basis that it is compound. The Providers further object to this Request on the
22 basis that it is compound, and appears to seek several, unrelated categories of
23 information, all of which are irrelevant. The Providers further object to this Request
24 on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and does not seek
25 information reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence relating to any
26 party's claim or defense in this matter. The Providers further object to this Request
27 to the extent that it seeks to bolster the deficient allegations of United's FACC,
28 which is presently subject to pending motions to dismiss, and is therefore premature.

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1 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11:**

2 Produce all contracts, agreements, leases, or other documents reflecting any
3 agreement or business relationship between, on the one hand, each Counterclaim
4 Defendant, and, on the other hand, any other Counterclaim Defendant.

5 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11:**

6 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object
7 to this Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
8 does not seek information reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence
9 relating to any party's claim or defense in this matter. The Providers further object
10 to this Request on the basis that it is compound, and seeks many categories of
11 documents relating to many different relationships between Providers or
12 combinations of Providers. The Providers further object to this Request to the
13 extent that it seeks to bolster the deficient allegations of United's FACC, including
14 but not limited to United's alter ego allegations. Even if such a request were not
15 premature, the information sought by this Request would not support United's alter
16 ego allegations, which seek to hold the individual Counterclaim Defendants liable
17 for the supposed overpayments made to certain Providers or other non-party entities.
18 Rather, this Request would, at best, only seek information that demonstrates
19 connections between individual Providers. The Providers further object to this
20 Request on the basis that it is compound, because it seeks contracts between any of
21 dozens of pairs or combinations of Counterclaim Defendants at issue.

22 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12:**

23 Produce all tax returns for each Plaintiff and Counterclaim Defendant from
24 2005 to present.

25 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12:**

26 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object
27 to this Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
28 seeks highly sensitive financial information that is not reasonably calculated to lead

1 to discoverable evidence relating to any claim or defense in this case. The Providers
2 further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks to bolster the deficient
3 allegations of United's FACC, including but not limited to United's alter ego
4 allegations, and is therefore premature, given that the FACC is presently subject to
5 pending motions to dismiss.

6 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13:**

7 Produce all tax returns for the Omidis from 2005 to present.

8 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13:**

9 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object
10 to this Request on the basis that the documents sought are not within their
11 possession or control. The Providers further object to this Request on the basis that
12 it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and seeks highly sensitive financial
13 information that is not reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence
14 relating to any claim or defense in this case. As noted in the General Objections,
15 this Request is also overbroad, unduly burdensome, and improperly seeks attorney-
16 client privileged information because of the gross overreach of the Requests'
17 definition of "the Omidis," which purports to include any of the individual Counter-
18 Defendants' "attorneys, agents, assigns or any persons or entities acting on their
19 behalf." The Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks to
20 bolster the deficient allegations of United's FACC, including but not limited to
21 United's alter ego allegations, and is therefore premature, given that the FACC is
22 presently subject to pending motions to dismiss.

23 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14:**

24 Produce all documents reflecting any compensation, financial or otherwise,
25 received by the Omidis from any Plaintiff or Corporate Counterclaim Defendant,
26 including payroll or distribution records.

27 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14:**

28 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object

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1 to this Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
2 seeks highly sensitive financial information that is not reasonably calculated to lead
3 to discoverable evidence relating to any claim or defense in this case. As noted in
4 the General Objections, this Request is also overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
5 improperly seeks attorney-client privileged information because of the gross
6 overreach of the Requests' definition of "the Omidis," which purports to include any
7 of the individual Counter-Defendants' "attorneys, agents, assigns or any persons or
8 entities acting on their behalf." The Providers further object to this Request to the
9 extent that it seeks to bolster the deficient allegations of United's FACC, including
10 but not limited to United's alter ego allegations, and is therefore premature, given
11 that the FACC is presently subject to pending motions to dismiss.

12 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15:**

13 Produce all documents reflecting or addressing the compensation, financial or
14 otherwise, received by the following individuals from any Plaintiff or Counterclaim
15 Defendant, including payroll or distribution records or records of loans, fees
16 reportable on IRS Form No. 1099, consulting fees or other payments:

- 17 a. Maureen Jaroscak
- 18 b. Robert Silverman
- 19 c. Elliot Alpert
- 20 d. Cindy Omid
- 21 e. Thomas Cloud
- 22 f. Charles Klasky
- 23 g. Robert Macatangay
- 24 h. Araminta Salazar
- 25 i. Ryan Stanton
- 26 j. Shawn Pezeshk
- 27 k. Alexander Weisse
- 28 l. Maria Abaca

- 1 m. Yesenia F.
- 2 n. Levi Green
- 3 o. Kimberly Fortier
- 4 p. Dr. Atul Madan
- 5 q. Dr. Michael Sedrak
- 6 r. Dr. Lee Au
- 7 s. Dr. Julius Gee

8 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15:**

9 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object to this
10 Request on the basis that it is vague and ambiguous, and in particular, the phrases
11 “distribution records,” “records of loans,” and “fees reportable on IRS Form No.
12 1099.” The Providers object to this Request on the basis that it is overbroad and
13 unduly burdensome, because it seeks sensitive business information for a large
14 number of non-party individuals on a topic that is entirely irrelevant to this lawsuit.
15 For instance, a number of the individuals listed, such as “Yesenia F.,” are alleged to
16 handle claims submissions and billing for the Providers. The compensation paid to
17 such individuals is completely irrelevant to this case, and is not reasonably
18 calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence relating to any
19 underpayment or overpayment claim at issue in this lawsuit. The Providers further
20 object to this Request on the basis that it is compound, because it in effect seeks
21 information about the compensation received by each of the nineteen individuals
22 listed above from any one of the Providers. The Providers further object that this
23 Request is designed to improperly invade both the attorney-client privilege and the
24 personal privacy of the above individuals, none of whom have been given notice of
25 these document requests.

26 The Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks to
27 bolster the FACC’s deficient allegations relating to supposed patient referrals, for
28 instance, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 650, or the

1 deficient allegations relating to supposed violations of the corporate practice of
2 medicine doctrine, which the FACC fails to attribute to any specific entity or
3 individual. The FACC is presently the subject of pending motions to dismiss, and
4 thus this Request is premature. Among other grounds in the pending motions to
5 dismiss, Counter-Defendants argue that United has failed to state a claim under
6 California's Unfair Competition Law; that United's UCL claim is preempted by
7 ERISA; and that United has failed to plead a plausible violation of B&P Code
8 Section 650 or of the corporate practice of medicine doctrine sufficient to serve as a
9 predicate act under the UCL's "unlawful" prong.

10 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16:**

11 Produce all documents, including communications from or to a financial
12 institution, related to the opening, initiation, signature authority, or closing of any
13 bank, savings, or investment account into which funds related to any United
14 Member was deposited.

15 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16:**

16 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object
17 to this Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
18 does not seek information reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence
19 relating to any patient claim at issue in this lawsuit. The Providers further object to
20 this Request to the extent that it seeks to bolster the deficient allegations of United's
21 FACC, including but not limited to United's tracing and alter ego allegations. The
22 FACC is presently subject to pending motions to dismiss. If the FACC is dismissed,
23 then this Request will be rendered entirely irrelevant. Indeed, as the Providers'
24 motions to dismiss points out, United is unable to demonstrate the required tracing
25 of any overpaid funds under ERISA as a matter of law. *See, e.g., Bilyeu v. Morgan*
26 *Stanley Long Term Disability Plan*, 683 F.3d 1083, 1091 (9th Cir. 2012).

27 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17:**

28 Produce all subpoenas, search warrants, civil investigative demands, or other

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1 informal demands issued to a Plaintiff or Counterclaim Defendant by any
2 Government investigative or regulatory entity from 2005 to the present that relates
3 to the allegations in the First Amended Counterclaim.

4 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17:**

5 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object on the
6 basis that this Request is incurably vague and ambiguous, as this Request does not
7 define what it means for a subpoena, search warrant, civil demand, or informal
8 demand to “relate[] to the allegations in the First Amended Counterclaim.” The
9 FACC, with its Appendices and Exhibits, is almost 400 pages long, yet no specific
10 subject matter or patient claims from within the FACC are specified or otherwise
11 identified by this Request. Thus, the Providers further object to this Request on the
12 basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and does not seek information
13 reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence of any kind. The Providers
14 further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks information protected by the
15 attorney-client privilege, attorney work product protection, or any other applicable
16 privilege. The Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks to
17 bolster the deficient allegations of United’s FACC. The FACC is presently subject
18 to pending motions to dismiss. If the FACC is dismissed, even in part, then some or
19 all of the subject matter of this Request will be rendered irrelevant, and would not be
20 reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant evidence.

21 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18:**

22 Produce all documents produced by a Plaintiff or Counterclaim Defendant to
23 any Government investigative or regulatory entity from 2005 to the present that
24 relates to the allegations in the First Amended Counterclaim.

25 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18:**

26 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object on the
27 basis that this Request is incurably vague and ambiguous, as this Request does not
28 define for “documents produced” to “relate[] to the allegations in the First Amended

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1 Counterclaim.” The FACC, with its Appendices and Exhibits, is almost 400 pages
2 long, yet no specific subject matter or patient claims from within the FACC are
3 specified or otherwise identified by this Request. Thus, the Providers further object
4 to this Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
5 does not seek information reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence of
6 any kind. The Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks
7 information protected by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product
8 protection, or any other applicable privilege. the Providers further object to this
9 Request to the extent that it seeks to bolster the deficient allegations of United’s
10 FACC. The FACC is presently subject to pending motions to dismiss. If the FACC
11 is dismissed, even in part, then some or all this Request will be rendered irrelevant.

12 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19:**

13 Produce all documents or communications between you and Allergan related
14 to LapBand pricing.

15 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19:**

16 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object that this
17 Request is incurably vague and ambiguous. The Requests do not identify or define
18 the meaning of the term “you,” and it is therefore unclear to which of the Counter-
19 Defendants, if any, this Request is directed. The Providers further object to this
20 Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and does not
21 seek information reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence of any kind.
22 the Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it seeks to bolster the
23 deficient allegations of United’s FACC. The FACC is presently subject to pending
24 motions to dismiss. If the FACC is dismissed, even in part, then this Request will
25 not seek information reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence of any
26 kind. the Providers further object to this Request on the basis that it is not
27 reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable evidence relating to any patient claim
28 at issue in this lawsuit.

1 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20:**

2 Produce all documents relating to any claims or defenses asserted in this
3 action.

4 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20:**

5 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers further object
6 to this Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, and
7 lacks in specificity. The Providers further object to this Request to the extent that it
8 seeks to bolster the deficient allegations of United's FACC. The FACC is presently
9 subject to pending motions to dismiss. If the FACC is dismissed, even in part, then
10 this Request will not seek information reasonably calculated to lead to discoverable
11 evidence of any kind. The Providers further object to this Request on the basis that
12 it is premature. The parties have not yet engaged in significant fact discovery, and it
13 is too early to identify all documents that the Providers intend to introduce or rely
14 upon at trial.

15 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21:**

16 Produce all documents that You intend to introduce or rely upon at trial of
17 this matter.

18 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21:**

19 In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object that this
20 Request is incurably vague and ambiguous. The Requests do not identify or define
21 the meaning of the term "You," and it is therefore unclear to which of the Counter-
22 Defendants, if any, this Request is directed, or whether this Request is directed
23 towards counsel, and thus improperly seeks counsel's attorney work product and/or
24 attorney-client privileged information. The Providers further object to this Request
25 on the basis that it is grossly overbroad, unduly burdensome, lacks in specificity,
26 and is premature. The parties have not yet engaged in significant fact discovery, and
27 it is too early to identify all documents that the Providers intend to introduce or rely
28 upon at trial.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 22:

Produce all documents You referenced or relied upon in answering DEFENDANTS'/COUNTERCLAIM PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANTS.

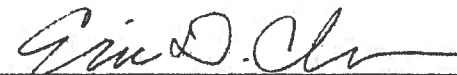
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 22:

In addition to the foregoing General Objections, the Providers object that this Request is incurably vague and ambiguous. The Requests do not identify or define the meaning of the term "You," and it is therefore unclear to which of the Counter-Defendants, if any, this Request is directed, or whether this Request is directed towards counsel, and thus improperly seeks counsel's attorney work product and/or attorney-client privileged information. The Providers further object to this Request on the basis that it is grossly overbroad and unduly burdensome. Subject to these objections, the Providers respond that in answering United's First Set of Interrogatories, they relied upon their Complaint in this matter, United's FACC, and the briefing in connection with the Counter-Defendants' motions to dismiss, all of which are part of the record and need not be produced in response to this Request.

As to objections only,

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